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TRANSMITTAL FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled BODILY TISSUE DILATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS in the name of the following inventors: T. Wade Fallin, Daniel J. Triplett, and Daniel F. Justin.

Enclosed are the following:

- A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-six (36) pages.
- Twelve (12) sheets of drawings.
- A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An Assignment conveying the invention to MedicineLodge, Inc., including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

- \_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a non-publication request requesting that the present application not be published.
- X A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date by use of Express Mail Label No. EL 981 993 604 US.
- \_\_\_\_ Priority to \_\_\_\_\_ (country) Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- \_\_\_\_ A certified copy of foreign priority application Serial No.\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_ An Associate Power of Attorney.

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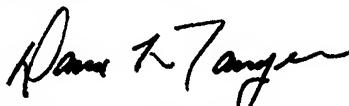
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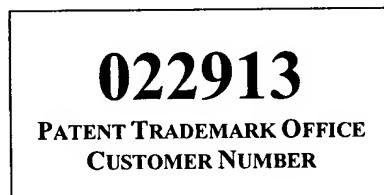
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